

6. (Amended) The portable support according to Claim 1, further comprising:

5 said saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly secured to said first saddle member; and
said second saddle member having an aperture into which an upper end of said support tube rotatably secured by a swivel pin.

9. (Amended) The portable support according to Claim 6, further comprising:

5 said first saddle member being of a larger size than said second saddle member and being of an I-shaped configuration, having a central, elongate middle portion and two end portions that are disposed such that longitudinal lengths of said two end portions are disposed in perpendicular relation to a longitudinal length of said middle portion and in parallel;

10 said second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, which comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, a first longitudinal length of said lower portion being disposed in perpendicular relation to a second longitudinal length of said upper portion; and

a swivel aperture extending through said second saddle member proximate a juncture of said upper and lower portions.

12. (Amended) A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:

5 a saddle having first and second saddle members formed of leather, with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said saddle, a first end of said straps having buckles and a second end of said straps having apertures for securing said buckles to said second end of said straps to secure said saddle to the forearm of a user;

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a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt fastener strap mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said saddle and into said belt pocket; and

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wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and then latch in an extended position with a lower end of said support tube disposed within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said belt pocket.

14. (Amended) A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:

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a saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said saddle for securing said saddle to an arm of a user;

a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt fastener mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

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a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said saddle and into said belt pocket;

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wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and then latch in an extended position with a lower end of said support tube disposed within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said belt pocket; and

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a generally U-shaped, flexible, metal retaining clip fixedly secured to said first saddle member for receiving said support tube, said retaining clip being of a size for releasibly securing said support tube to said first saddle member when said support tube is disposed within said retaining clip.

15. (Amended) A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:

a saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said saddle for securing said saddle to an arm of a user;

a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt fastener mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said saddle and into said belt pocket;

wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and then latch in an extended position with a lower end of said support tube disposed within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said belt pocket;

said first saddle member being of a larger size than said second saddle member and being of an I-shaped configuration, having a central, elongate middle portion and two end portions that are disposed such that longitudinal lengths of said two end portions are disposed in perpendicular relation to a longitudinal length of said middle portion and in parallel;

said second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, which comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, a first longitudinal length of said lower portion being disposed in perpendicular relation to a second longitudinal length of said upper portion; and

a swivel aperture extending through said second saddle member proximate a juncture of said upper and lower portions.

19. (Amended) A portable support for attaching to a user, comprising in combination:

a saddle having first and second saddle members, with said second

saddle member being smaller than said first saddle member and being fixedly
5 secured to said first saddle member;

fastening straps secured to and extending on opposite sides of said
saddle, a first end of said straps having buckles and a second end of said straps
having apertures for securing said buckles to said second end of said straps to secure
said saddle to the forearm of a user;

10 a belt pocket defining an upwardly facing cavity and having a belt
fastener strap mounted to one side of said belt pocket;

a support tube pivotally secured to said saddle and telescopically
extensible for adjusting an overall length of said support tube to extend from said
saddle and into said belt pocket;

15 wherein said support tube is telescopically adjustable to extend and
then latch in an extended position with said lower end of said support tube disposed
within said cavity of said belt pocket to support said saddle in fixed relation to said
belt pocket;

20 wherein a portion of said first and second saddle member defines a
steady rest directly engaging against an object being supported in the hand of a user,
to provide further support for the object.

a generally U-shaped, flexible, metal retaining clip fixedly secured to
said first saddle member for receiving said support tube, said retaining clip being of a
size for releasibly securing said support tube to said first saddle member when said
25 support tube is disposed within said retaining clip;

said first saddle member being of a larger size than said second saddle
member and being of an I-shaped configuration, having a central, elongate middle
portion and two end portions that are disposed such that longitudinal lengths of said
two end portions are disposed in perpendicular relation to a longitudinal length of
30 said middle portion and in parallel;

said second saddle member being of a T-shaped configuration, which
comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, a first longitudinal length of said
lower portion being disposed in perpendicular relation to a second longitudinal
length of said upper portion;